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SUBJECT: USE OF URETHANE IN ANALGESIC INJECTIONS

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1. ON JULY 24, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE (MHW) INSTRUCTED
SIZ DRUG MANUFACTURERS IN JAPAN TO DISCONTINUE MANUFACTURE AND
SALE OF INJECTION LIQUID CONTAINING URETHANE AND RECALL PRODUCTS
ALREADY PLACED ON MARKET.

2. THIS UNUSUALLY QUICK ACTION FOLLOWED RECOMMENDATION OF CENTRAL
PHARMACEUTICAL COUNCIL TO EFFECT THAT USE OF PYRABITAL ANALGESIC
INJECTIONS CONTAINING URETHANE BE DISCONTINUED FROM STANDPOINT
OF PREVENTING CANCER IN MAN, ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORT
OF HUMAN CANCER CASES CAUSED BY URETHANE.

3. EXPERT OPINION ON WHICH THE RECOMMENDATION WAS BASED IS THAT
THE LARGER THE DOSE OF URETHANE GIVEN MICE, THE GREATER THE INCIDENCE
OF PULMONARY TUMORS, AND THAT EVEN SMALL DOSES OF URETHANE
RESULTED IN DEVELOPMENT OF TUMORS.

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